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In re application of

Marinus Marias BOONE et al.

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Group 2643

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450

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Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

In response to the Official Action mailed December 15, 2003, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

Amendments to the Specification begin on page 2 of this paper.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 3 of this paper.

Amendments to the Drawings begin on page 14 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 15 of this paper.

An $\mbox{\bf Appendix}$ is attached following the signature page of this paper.